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SUBJECT : OIL EXPLORATION: COMMERCIAL MESSAGE FOR ASHLAND OIL

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TOY OSCAR A. BLAKE, ASHLAND OIL INTERNATIONAL, 58 ST. JAMES'S STREET, LONDON, TEL. 01-499-0656/0, FROM FULLER, FIRST SECRETARY.

2. QUOTE K.M.S. DAHAR

APPEARED EMBASSY AUGUST 10 WITH YOUR LETTER JULY 31 ASKING ME TO DELIVER TO AHMED REZA MATERIAL DAHAR WOULD PROVIDE. DAHAR DID NOT REPEAT NOT PASS MATERIAL ON, EXPLAINING HE HAD SEEN MINISTER AND WOULD BE DELIVERING MATERIAL PERSONALLY TO HIM.

3. DAHAR'S INFORMATION IS THAT AHMED REZA IS "OUT" NOW THAT CONSIDERATION OIL EXPLORATION PROPOSALS HAS REACHED CRITICAL FINAL STAGE. NEW COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED CONSISTING OF MINISTERS NATURAL RESOURCES, INDUSTRIES, AND FINANCE, WITH NEW SECRETARY NATURAL RESOURCES, KERAMET ALI, AS SECRETARY-MEMBER THIS GROUP.

I CALLED ON ALI AUGUST 11 AND WITHOUT IDENTIFYING SOURCE, INQUIRED INTO REZA'S STATUS. ALI INDICATES THAT REZA IS STILL VERY MUCH IN PICTURE BUT FINAL DECISIONS WILL BE MADE OF COURSE BY NEW COMMITTEE.

4. DAHAR DID PASS ON SEALED ENVELOPE FROM ASHLAND TO LAWYER B. AHMED. SINCE DAHAR DID NOT WISH IDENTIFY HIMSELF AT THIS TIME AS YOUR REPRESENTATIVE, HE ASKED THAT EMBASSY TRANSMIT

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